



# LEGALLY SPEAKING

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## Where Does A Lawyer Go For Legal Advice?



"A recent survey<sup>1</sup> shows that when U.S. lawyers need legal assistance, the resource they use is the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. Altman Weil, Inc. surveyed 2,385 law firms and 789 corporate law departments. 81% of law firms and 68% of corporate law departments cited the Directory as one of their two most important sources of information. The Directory is used in various formats by more than 90% of those surveyed.<sup>2</sup>

Martindale-Hubbell has announced new features and searching capabilities on its Web site at <http://martindale.com/>. Check it out!

<sup>1</sup> For more information about the study, or to receive a free copy of the complete report, you can send an email request to [teaguecomm@aol.com](mailto:teaguecomm@aol.com).

<sup>2</sup> Calishain, Tara. LLRXBuzz: "The Latest on Legal Research." LLRX.Com. Dec. 25, 2000. Law Library Resource Xchange, LLC. Feb. 12, 2001. <http://www.llrx.com/buzz/buzz37.htm>

## TEN TIPS FOR A VIRTUAL LAW OFFICE

<http://www.mdlaw.net/ahalt/vc-29.htm>

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## Check Out Our Jury Instruction Materials



On Display Near The Entrance Of The Library!

Do you know you can get live coverage of

## The Ohio General Assembly Sessions?

[Click here to go there!](#)

## Bill Tracking Resources - Updated

In her article on the LLRX web site, Kathy Biehl provides annotated links to federal government sites and legislative sites for every state, with links to the history, status, and at least a synopsis of introduced bills. Most of these sites are updated nightly.

"A few states offer subscriptions to a tracking service (such as Lobbyist-in-a-Box), which will follow particular bills or topics and issue e-mail alerts when activity occurs. In a couple of states, customizable bill-tracking features are available at no charge.

This edition of the Roundup updates all site descriptions to reflect current features, adds specialty sites devoted to specific areas of legislation, and catalogs commercial tracking services online." <sup>1</sup>

The **Ohio General Assembly** site is located at:  
<http://www.legislature.state.oh>.

<sup>1</sup> Biehl, Kathy. "Bill Tracking Resources - Updated" *Columns: Research Roundup*. January 15, 2001. Law Library Resources Xchange, LLC. Feb. 16, 2001. <http://www.llrx.com/columns/roundup8.htm#ot>



## Law Day Is May 1<sup>st</sup> It's Not Too Early To Start Planning!

The Law Day 2001 Theme is "Celebrate Your Freedom: Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children."

For Law Day information -

[Click Here!](#)

You can also check the Ohio State Bar Association -

[Click Here!](#)

then do a search for "Law Day" to see what other Bar Associations have done.

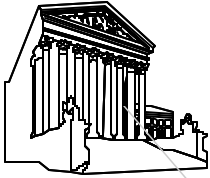
## Welcome! To Our Newest Member

**Veronica Buetel**

*Have you applied for membership yet?*

Complete a **membership application** at the law library, or call us. We'll FAX or email you one. The **first** year of membership is **free!**

## ScanSoft's E-filable Forms



"ScanSoft, Inc., has announced OmniForm, online legal forms in Web fillable format, available on the American LegalNet Web site. [Go There.](#)

Currently, federal and state court forms in Word, .pdf and XFML format are available for designing, editing, and completing online. In the future, OmniForm XFML technology will be used to allow the forms to be e-filed directly to the appropriate court. The licensing fee for the Onmi-Form is \$149.99." <sup>1</sup> To get more information from the press release



[Click here.](#)

or go straight to the site at:  
<<http://www.scansoft.com>>

<sup>1</sup>Calishain, Tara. "The Latest on Legal Research." LLRX. Com. Feb. 5, 2001. Law Library Resource Xchange, LLC. Feb. 14, 2001  
<<http://www.llrx.buzz/buzz43.htm>>



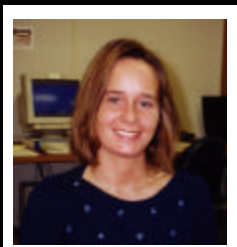
## CI Corporate Information What You Need To Know

At <<http://www.corporateinformation.com/>> you can research over 350,000 company profiles containing a list of sites that cover the company. Or you can get a list of companies in any of 30 industries in 65 countries that include a list of links and a short write-up about the industry.

The site also contains research reports analyzing sales, dividends, earnings, profit ratios, research and development, inventory etc. for over 15,000 companies.

From their link library you can research companies, industries and economic information for over 100 countries. It also contains currency rates and the capacity to search by states within the U.S.

## Meet Your Library Staff



**Keri Shaffer**

"One should labor so hard in youth that everything one does subsequently is easy by comparison."

Ashley Montagu from  
*The American Way of Life*

Keri is the youngest member of our staff and as a new wife, mother and part-time student she is one of the hardest working.

To help you get to know her better I have "borrowed" the concluding interview questions from A&E's "Inside the Actor's Studio." 1. What is your favorite word? Bourgeoisie (Any word in French sounds good to me.) 2. What is your least favorite word? Bittersweet (it just is not possible for something to be both.) 3. What turns you on or excites you? Knowledge 4. What turns you off? Arrogance 5. Other than your present position, what profession or occupation would you most like to try? FBI Agent or Police Officer 6. What profession/occupation would you not like? Lawyer (ha, ha) Seriously, any occupation in the medical field. (I can't stand the sight of blood.) 8. What do you want to hear God say to you at the Pearly Gates? All your loved ones are here waiting for you.

## Cyber Jurors

"Using a controversial new technique, lawyers are beginning to test their cases in front of "cyber jurors" for a fraction of the cost if traditional focus groups."<sup>1</sup> Sylvia Hsieh tells how they work, discusses their advantages for the small law firm and gives a lengthy discussion of their reliability in Lawyers Weekly USA Feb. 5, 2001. If you missed it, go back and read it and learn how you can use "cyber jurors"! Three sites listed for more information about Internet focus groups are: <[www.l-courthouse.com](http://www.l-courthouse.com)>, <[www.virtualjury.com](http://www.virtualjury.com)>, and <[www.carltontrial.com](http://www.carltontrial.com)>.

<sup>1</sup> Hsieh, Sylvia. "Trial Lawyers Are Cutting Cost of Focus Groups Via the Internet" Lawyers Weekly USA. Feb. 5, 2001, at 1.

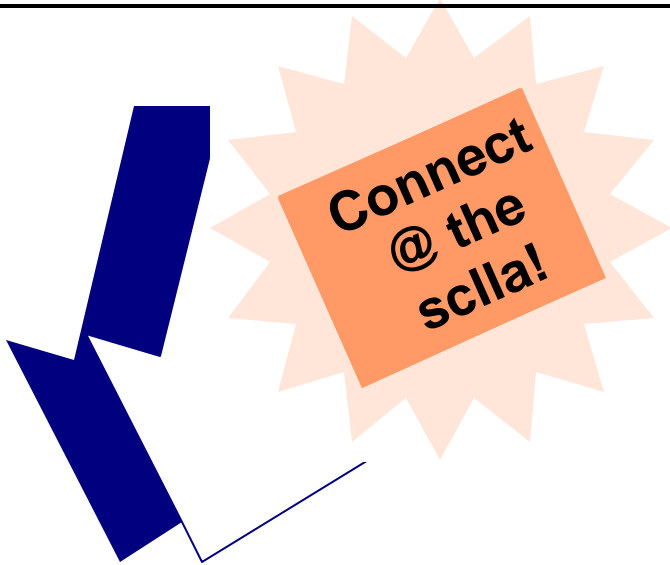
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Watch for our articles dealing with computer skills in the Stark County Bar Journal! This month the beginners are starting to work with word processing, the intermediate section deals with the invisible web and the advanced section discusses linking policies and disclaimers.











It is never too late to be what you might have been.

--- T. S. Eliot

# Free Training!



## Training is Available for

-  General Internet
-  How to use email
-  Legal sites on the Internet
-  Loislaw
-  Shepard's online
-  West's LawDesk
-  BNA's Labor & Employment Library online
-  LEXIS
-  WESTLAW
-  OPEN



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Don't surf the Net without us!



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at the SLLA*



*After Training  
at the SCLLA*

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software in place,  
use these settings:

Phone number 451-7379  
Baud: 9600  
Parity: N  
Data bits: 8  
Stop bits: 1  
Duplex: F,  
Login: dialin.  
Password: dialin.  
Terminal type: VT100  
Press enter at main SIRSI  
screen.  
Select Utility: Wsclient  
Press BEGIN to start  
Choose Library Catalog

For more detailed  
instructions, please contact  
the law library at 451-7380.

**Membership and Fees:** Membership is open to  
those who have passed the Ohio State Bar  
Examination.

First year Bar member...Complimentary  
2-5 years as member.....\$5.00  
6+ years as member.....\$10.00  
Membership checks must be separate from other  
payments, please.

**Circulation:** Most print materials can be checked  
out by members for two weeks. Some items may  
be taken out overnight only. You may renew items  
by phone.

**Online Databases Available to members:**  
Internet (including email), WestLaw, LEXIS-  
NEXIS, OPEN, Grateful Med, DIALOG.  
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Charges vary.

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per page within our local calling area, \$ .50  
outside. Receive free of charge.

**Reference** services for members by phone, fax and  
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available. Charges vary.



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